



PROMOTION TESTS, 1938
GRADE VIII

ENGLISH

Time— $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

Note: A deduction of $\frac{1}{2}$ mark will be made for each error in spelling on the entire paper up to a maximum of 25% of the full value of the paper.

Values

- 18 1. Test in Silent Reading.
- 5 2. Choose the correct word. Do not copy the sentences.
- (a) The number of ducks and geese (is, are) increasing.
 - (b) The cat washes (its, it's) face.
 - (c) One should do (ones, one's) work.
 - (d) (Who, Whom) do you believe?
 - (e) Neither Tom nor Jack had (his, their) work done.
- 4 3. Copy; adding capitals and punctuation where required:
- (a) If you wish said mother you may go.
 - (b) Mr. Jones said, "yes tom has left third street and moved to holland, the land of the dykes".
 - (c) The mens coats and the ladies' dresses were of different colors.
- 3 4. Choose a suitable subordinate conjunction for each of the blanks. Do not copy the sentences; merely list on your paper your choice opposite the number of the blank in each case.
- ... (1) ... the storm was over, the ship had reached a strange island and (2) ... no white man lived and (3) ... no white man had ever seen

- 6 5. Choose the subordinate clauses and tell their kind and relation.

- (a) Those of the crew who were hungry ate bananas which were hanging from the trees.
(b) One reckless fellow ate a strange berry although he did not know what it might do to him.

- 5 6. Fill in the blanks with the proper forms of the verb used in the question:

- (a) Do you write to a Pen Pal?
Last week I wrote to one in Africa.
I have written many letters to my Pen Pals.
(b) Did you choose your new hat yet?
Yes, I have chosen it. I also chose my shoes.
(c) Did you bring your book to school today? I have not brought it today, but I brought it yesterday.
(d) Did you see the mailcarrier go by?
I saw him yesterday but I have not seen him today.
(e) Do you swim frequently?
I have not swum during the past two weeks. Last month I swam almost every day.

- 4 7. State correctly the part of speech for each word in this sentence:

✓ The second "was" in that sentence is correct.

- 2 8. (a) Name *two* selections, one poetry, and one prose, that you enjoyed reading during the year. Name the author of each.

- 8 (b) Tell clearly and carefully what you enjoyed about each of these selections.

9. The following selection is from the work of Elbert Hubbard. Read it carefully and then answer the questions below.

When the war broke out between Spain and the United States, it was very necessary to communicate quickly with the leader of the insurgents. Garcia was somewhere in the mountain fastnesses of Cuba—no one knew where. No mail or telegraph message could reach him. President William McKinley must secure his co-operation, and quickly.

What to do?

Some one said to the President, "There's a fellow by the name of Rowan will find Garcia for you, if anybody can."

Rowan was sent for and given a letter to be delivered to Garcia.

How "the fellow by the name of Rowan" took the letter, sealed it up in an oilskin pouch, strapped it over his heart, in four days landed by night off the coast of Cuba from an open boat, disappeared into the jungle, and in three weeks came out on the other side of the island, having traversed a hostile country on foot, and delivered his letter to Garcia—are events I have no special desire to describe in detail.

The point that I wish to make is this: McKinley gave Rowan a letter to be delivered to Garcia; Rowan took the letter and did not ask, "Where is he?" By the Eternal! there is a man whose form should be cast in deathless bronze and the statue placed in every college in the land! It is not book learning young men need, nor instruction about this or that, but a stiffening of the backbone that will cause them to be loyal to a trust, to act promptly, concentrate their energies: do the thing—"Carry a message to Garcia."

General Garcia is dead now, but there are other Garcias.

No man who has endeavoured to carry out an enterprise wherein many hands were needed but has been well-nigh appalled at times by the inability of the average man—the inability or unwillingness to concentrate on a thing and do it.

Slipshod assistance, foolish inattention, and half-hearted work seem the rule; and no man succeeds unless, by hook or crook or threat, he forces or bribes other men to assist him; or mayhap, God in His goodness performs a miracle, and sends him an Angel of Light for an assistant.

- 2 (1) Who was the leader of the insurgents?
- 2 (2) Why was it necessary to send a messenger to Garcia?
- 2 (3) Explain—"stiffening of the backbone".
- 2 (4) Explain—"concentrate their energies".
- 2 (5) What expression in the above selection indicates that there are many life situations where men of Rowan's qualities are needed?
- 2 (6) State *three* reasons given in the above selection for lack of success in an undertaking.
- 3 (7) "God in His goodness performs a miracle." What is the miracle?

- 18 **10.** Write a composition of about *twenty* lines on "How to Succeed in School".
- 5 **11.** Assume that you are J. J. Jones, Secretary of the Jonesville School District, Jonesville, Manitoba. Write to the Smith School Supplies, Ltd., Winnipeg, forwarding a remittance in payment for a \$20.00 school supply order which has reached you in good condition.
- 7 **12.** Which word is spelled correctly in each case?
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| (1) (a) independant | (b) independent ✓ |
| (2) (a) parliament ✓ | (b) parliment |
| (3) (a) speech ✓ | (b) speach |
| (4) (a) guarantee ✓ | (b) garantee |
| (5) (a) suprise | (b) surprise ✓ |
| (6) (a) definitely ✓ | (b) definately |
| (7) (a) Febuary | (b) February ✓ |
| (8) (a) Tuesday ✓ | (b) Teusday |
| (9) (a) believing ✓ | (b) beleiving |
| (10) (a) ocassional | (b) occasional ✓ |
| (11) (a) mocassin | (b) moccasin ✓ |
| (12) (a) hockey ✓ | (b) hocky |
| (13) (a) libary | (b) library ✓ |
| (14) (a) athelete | (b) athlete ✓ |